

Question our leaders; Question from Jay Hennick, chair and CEO of Colliers International: I was born in Canada to hard-working parents who instilled a strong work ethic and encouraged me to pursue a higher education, so that with a little luck, the rest would fall into place. These fundamentals allowed me to start and build two large Canadian-based public companies, FirstService Corporation and Colliers International. With this experience, I know what it takes to build world-class leadership teams and to compete and win on the global stage. International companies have many options when it comes to choosing a location for their headquarters. If elected, what are the top three things you will do to attract and retain Canadian-based global companies? Question from Gwyn Morgan, founder of EnCana (now known as Ovintiv): When I retired as founding CEO of EnCana, how could I have ever imagined that the second Trudeau government would create an environment so hostile to the oil and gas industry that the company "export" itself, moving its headquarters to the U.S. under an American CEO. What you would do to reverse the persecution of the industry that contributes more than any other to our country's economy in terms of jobs, capital spending, tax and export revenue? Question from Donald Reimer, businessman and former trucking executive: As the smallest member by population, Canada's inclusion in the G7 along with France, Germany, Italy, Japan, the United Kingdom and the United States, is both remarkable and speaks to the standing of our country on the world stage. Yet, it is evident that our relationship with the largest member of the G7 and largest and most important trading partner, the U.S., is at an all-time low. What steps will you take to improve our relationship with the U.S. and work to influence Washington for the better? Question from Michael Medline, president and CEO of Sobeys' owner Empire: A Grocery Supply Code of Practice for Canada - one that will ensure a more equitable pl

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Canada entered COVID-19 with one of the best economic records in the G7: a AAA credit rating, one of the most highly skilled workforces, a fast-growing population, the lowest tax rate for small businesses, and ranked among the most sought-after places in the world to live and invest. Those same advantages that positioned Canada so well are still intact. A re-elected Liberal government will take ambitious action to continue making Canada the best place in the world in which to start a company. We will build on our track record with the Global Skills Strategy by expanding and reforming economic immigration; invest in helping 500,000 more Canadians get access to training and work experience; incentivize hiring and wage increases with the Canada Recovery Hiring Program; make housing more affordable by building and revitalizing 1.4 million more homes; and remove the barriers keeping 250,000 talented workers out of the labour market by introducing universal \$10-per-day child care.

We will also continue to invest in fundamental science to drive innovation by adding 1,000 Canada Research Chairs and establish a Canada Advanced Research Projects Agency to serve as a public-private bridge for mission-led innovation.

Canadians are among the most innovative people on Earth, but, all too often, innovators move to the U.S. to build their business or sell to foreign investors with deep pockets. It's time to make Canada the best place in the world to start - and scale - a business.

Canada's Recovery Plan will make Canada an innovation-powerhouse by introducing a "patent box" regime to cut the tax rate in half on income earned from patented technology developed here, and create an advanced research agency that will partner with the private sector to produce "moon-shot" advances in areas like carbon capture, electric vehicles, AI, and small modular reactors.

Next, Canada's Conservatives will fix the Impact Assessment process and create an Office of Regulatory Best Practice to evaluate costs of new regulation and provide recommendations on regulation.

Finally, Canada's Conservatives will provide immediate tax relief in the short-term with the Canada Investment Accelerator that will provide a five per cent investment tax credit for any capital investment made in 2022 and 2023, on top of accelerated depreciation benefits, and are committed to overhauling the tax code to make it simpler and fairer.

Those who ignore climate science and the clean growth opportunity before us are putting workers and the future of the Canadian economy at risk.

Climate action is a scientific and economic imperative. The more boldly we act now, the better off we will be for the health of our economy and our planet.

As we move toward a net-zero future, it is estimated that the growth in clean energy jobs will more than offset the declines in fossil fuel sectors. Fortunately, many of the country's leading oil and gas companies have committed to reaching net zero and our policy actions will support them and workers in achieving that goal. This includes ensuring emissions from oil and gas are capped at current levels and go down at a pace and scale required to reach net zero by 2050.

We are seeing a national unity crisis stemming from Liberal ideological policies that have pitted one part of the country against another. The Liberal government has chosen winners and losers, which jobs are worth saving, which industries deserve support, and which regions they will support.

Canada's Conservatives recognize the enormous and essential contributions the energy sector and its workers make to our country. We will ensure that Canadians in every region and sector have the economic recovery they deserve.

Canada's Recovery Plan outlines our plan to support Canadians, including our plan to fix the Impact Assessment process created by Bill C-69, ending the ban on shipping traffic on the north coast of B.C., ensuring adequate pipeline capacity by getting Trans Mountain built, fighting to keep Line 3 and Line 5 in operation, implementing a

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federal LNG Export Strategy, supporting Newfoundland and Labrador's Offshore Oil Industry with a \$1.5-billion investment in an offshore rebound fund, and passing a Critical Infrastructure Protection Act to prevent protesters from blocking key infrastructure, including railways and pipelines that get our natural resources to market.

We have come through a uniquely challenging period with our southern neighbour. Whether it was applying dollar-for-dollar steel tariffs or fighting tooth and nail during the NAFTA renegotiation, the Liberal government stood up for Canadian interests every step of the way, even when Conservatives advocated that we capitulate to Donald Trump.

The ties between our two countries will always be strongest at the people-to-people level. Canadians have friends and family on both sides of the border and those ties are at the core of our bilateral relationship and managing whatever challenges may come within it.

We will continue to forge close relationships with the Biden administration, as well as key state and business leaders, to strengthen our relationship with our closest ally and trading partner.

With the rise of China, Canada has a moral duty to stand alongside its democratic partners. Canada's Conservatives have a strong track record on trade and understand that free trade drives jobs, investment and strategic partnerships.

In 2021 alone, Justin Trudeau's leadership resulted in the cancellation of the Keystone XL Pipeline, the threatened shutdown of Line 5, new Buy American rules that exclude Canada from public procurement, trade challenges on the way dairy import quotas are allocated and a doubling of the softwood lumber tariffs.

Now, under Justin Trudeau's leadership, Canada has been left out again. President Biden's new coalition with Britain and Australia to counter the threat posed by China's Communist regime sends a strong message: Canada has not secured a seat at the table. It's clear that our allies don't trust Justin Trudeau's leadership.

Canada's Conservatives will work with our U.S. partners on critical issues, including energy security and energy transition leadership, shared infrastructure on the border and the environmentally responsible pipelines beneath it, and a North American approach to accomplish health security and economic recovery together.

Our grocery stores and those working in them have been critically important to the well-being of Canadians during this pandemic. In providing stocked shelves at a time of dramatic supply chain interruptions and a safe shopping environment, the essential workers of Canada's grocery stores allowed Canadians to get the food they needed to feed their families during a challenging time.

We support working with provinces and territories on all possible approaches that will enhance competition and protect consumers and we have continued to invest in enhancing the powers and capabilities of the Competition Bureau to do this.

A re-elected Liberal government will also create a new No-Waste Food Fund to help build a circular food economy in Canada where no food is wasted, from farm to table. The fund will help all players along the food supply chain to commercialize and adopt ways to eliminate, reduce, or repurpose food waste. We will continue to partner with, and support, community-based food security organizations to make sure all Canadians have access to healthy food.

Canada's Conservatives are committed to bringing in a tough code of conduct to protect suppliers and to promote grocery competition.

Working in collaboration with provincial governments across Canada, a Conservative government will adopt a grocery supply code to deal with retailers' abusive pricing and contracting practices against farmers, producers and processors. Ownership of Canada's grocery sector is heavily concentrated in five major retail chains, and some grocery retail giants regularly impose special fees and fines on suppliers, often on a retroactive basis. A Conservative government will also increase the maximum penalty for price-fixing from \$24 million to \$100 million and introduce criminal penalties, including jail time, for executives convicted of price-fixing.

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A code of conduct will guarantee Canadian consumers a reliable, affordable supply of food on their local grocers' shelves. We hope to see a code implemented as quickly as possible and recognize the efforts of retailers such as Sobeys, who have voluntarily begun moving in that direction.

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